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* As an economy measure and because the need for it has lessened, *
* the Food Information Calendar is discontinued with this issue. *

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CONFERENCE. . . . All discussions at the National Conference on the Prevention and Control of Delinquency Nov. 20-22 will be directed toward local and community action, and the expectation of many State and local meetings to follow this week's conference.

Work at the National Conference will be divided into 15 or more separate phases of the problem, one of which is "Rural Aspects of the Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency." Raymond Miller, President of the American Institute of Cooperation, will preside as chairman of the rural aspects group. Carl Taylor of BAE is vice-chairman of the group and E. W. Aiton of Extension is secretary. Many USDA workers, in the field and in Washington, and many other agricultural leaders will attend the conference.

The reports and recommendations made at the National Conference will be directed to civic, religious, educational, service, and parental groups and to parents individually. A summary of the reports and recommendations will be issued within a week or ten days after the conference.

The juvenile delinquency problem is a continuing one which calls for increased public attention and understanding, more trained personnel, and more actively interested local groups. Those who have been preparing for the work of the National Conference also feel keenly the need for more comprehensive statistics on juvenile delinquency.

A 4-H EXPERIMENT. . . . A different kind of experiment is being conducted in Fairfax County, Va., by the Assistant County Agent, O. D. Turner, and the Department's Motion Picture Service. Two members of each 4-H Club in that county are being trained to operate motion picture machines so that they can show movies at 4-H Club and other meetings. The basic objective is to create more interest in agricultural movies. Mr. Turner is scheduled to discuss this experiment at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago December 1-5.

ACTING FMA ADMINISTRATOR. . . . Jesse B. Gilmer, Deputy Administrator of FMA, who returned to active duty November 12, will serve as Acting Administrator of FMA pending the appointment of an Administrator by Secretary Anderson. Mr. Gilmer had been on leave of absence since last July.

SOME USDA PRES RELEASES. . . . The Wheat Situation--estimated world production largest since 1940--2433;

The Feed Situation, large feed supplies indicated for 1946-47--2432;

Norwegian canned fish removed from import controls--2453;

Cotton production estimates lower Nov. 1 than Oct. 1, BAE reports--2451;

Lower speculative cotton trading limits recommended by Secretary Anderson, public hearing before Commodity Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., called for Dec. 10, 1946--2448;

National farm production goals announced calling for top production--2444;

The National Food Situation, supplies will be relatively large during next few months except for principally sugar, fats and their products--2452

The Farm Income Situation, farmers' cash receipts were 7% greater first 10 months of 1946 than same period last year--2441;

Sorghums for Latin America--2327;

Argentina reduces wheat and flaxseed prices--2454;

Poultry Industry Advisory Committee established--2464;

GENERAL CROP REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1946--2469;

Wheat order amended on flour deliveries and export production (WFO 144)--2474;

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE FUTURE, address by Secretary Anderson before National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, St. Louis, Nov. 13--2461;

FARM ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT, address by Secretary Anderson before National Grange at Portland, Ore., Nov. 15--2459;

Interpretation of farm wage control termination--2486;

Additional import controls put on sugar--2484.

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WAR FOOD ORDERS. . . . Twenty-eight War Food Orders were terminated during October, following OPA price decontrol of most food commodities. Only 24 out of a total of 178 War Food Orders issued remain on the books as of November 14. WFO 10 on rice is the only active set-aside order now in effect. Other commodities covered by food orders include wheat and flour, malted grains, grains for distillers, sugar, molasses, walnuts, peanuts, canned fish, dried fruit, butter, Cheddar cheese, fluid milk and cream (WFO 79), and cream (WFO 149). Remaining War Food Orders will be terminated as soon as practicable.

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IN MONTANA they have circular letter and news writing schools for Extension Service workers. That is, four such schools have just been completed there--three for county agents and one for extension specialists and supervisors at the State agricultural college. They were planned by the State Extension Editor and his assistant, and Anna Jim Holman of Extension Service, Washington, D.C., helped conduct them. This is reported to be a rather unique project handled in a "different" and helpful way. If interested in how the schools were conducted, contact Miss Holman.

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FCIC MANAGER SPEAKS. . . . G. F. Geissler, Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, will speak at the annual meeting of the National Association of Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of Agriculture, to be held in Detroit November 18-21. He will review the experience of FCIC and emphasize these accomplishments of the 1946 crop year:

Cotton insurance covered 136,248 farms; wheat insurance, 384,408 farms; and flax insurance, 14,003 farms. Under the experimental programs 8,593 farms were covered by corn insurance in the 19 trial counties and 14,170 farms by tobacco insurance in 19 counties. On the basis of commodity prices as of June 30, 1946, the Corporation had a total of about \$280,000,000 worth of insurance in force on 1946 crops.

Mr. Geissler will also outline the Corporation's policy of decentralizing administrative responsibilities on the theory that the closer you can get the administration to the insured farmer, the more practical and applicable the program can be to the conditions of each area. "The agricultural economy of this country," Mr. Geissler will tell the group, "can never become really stable as long as food and fiber production must be carried on unprotected from the hazards of farming."

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . House Apts, Leaflet No. 147, rev., 8 p.;
Directory of the Bureau of Animal Industry,
rev. 7/1/46, 30 p.; Livestock, Meats, and Wool Market Statistics and Related
Data, 1945, CS-19, dated Sept. 1946, 85 p.

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RADIO SCHEDULE, NOVEMBER 23. . . . CONSUMER GUIDE, "Thanksgiving, Past and Present," debunks the traditional Thanksgiving turkey and trimmings with a dramatization of what the Pilgrims really did eat at their first feast in 1621. Up-to-the-minute news of supplies for Thanksgiving dinners and tips on cooking turkey.

AMERICAN FARMER, "The Business Side of Farming," weekly USDA tips for farmers.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, "Thanksgiving Turkey," with Lucile Holmes Cohan and Ken Gapen, of Radio Service, and H. L. Schrader, Extension Service poultry expert and nationally known meat carver.

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